

Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Location – Humane Society of Tuolumne County, Jamestown, CA
Date – Monday, May 19, 2008

President Bruce Bertholf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Bruce Bertholf, Linda Grant, Jan and Rocky Cost, JoAnn Gritz, Mary Barrett, Leslie, McCulloch, Pat Barnes, Fred and Pat Helmbold and Patti Martlew

President's Report – Bruce: Nothing to report this month.

Vice President's Report – Cherie: No report this month due to absence.

Secretary's Report – Linda: Shared the show results from the April show. There was only one dog's win rescinded due to being entered in the wrong class. The monthly newsletters were also shared. A conformation seminar will be held in San Francisco in July and JoAnn had additional information regarding how to take BART to get there. A custom braiding business has sent us a brochure on how they can supply us with trophies. The HS of TC will be having a fund raiser at the HS on May 31st, and info on that was shared. Sunshine Photos send a post card that they will donate portions of their portrait settings fees to help defer the costs of radiation treatments for their daughter's dog.

Treasurer's Report – Jan: She shared the balance sheet of the financial status of the Club.

Agenda Items:

Update on the Gold Rush Cluster – Bruce: He is trying to get Purina Foods to be our sponsor for the 2009 show, but have not been notified yet. It would save the Club a considerable amount of money. He is also trying to wrap up the final bills from the show. We had one bounced check from parking and it has been redeposited and cleared, but he owes us for the NSF fees. We sent him a certified letter, which he has not yet responded to. (Update – Bruce talked to person at the Vallejo shows and was able to recover the NSF fees directly). After all finances are finalized, the profits will be dispersed between the two clubs, leaving a \$1,000 in the Cluster account from each Club for 2009. The final estimate of what we expect to receive is a little less than last year, but we had some additional expenses, such as the announcer and nicer lunches.

Vote on the Policy Manual Changes on the Class compensations regarding missed classes and also the clarification of dog/handler teams taking classes.

This was placed on the website and the cover letter for classes regarding dog/handler teams: "One dog per handler, children must be old enough and physically capable of handling the dog, and recommended to be 12 years of age or older, with adult supervision at all times, and no pro-rating of class fees. "

It was M/S/P by Fred/Mary to make the Policy Manual Revision.

Donation of the Public Address System to the Humane Society. The PA system was on the MyMotherLode.com website twice for two months with only one response. It was suggested that the

Humane Society be contacted to see if they would like to take the PA system. It is worth at about \$200 and the only reason we have replaced it was due to its weight and bulk. It was M/S/P by Pat/Jan to see if the Humane Society is interested.

Committee Reports –

Obedience/Rally/Puppy/Agility/Novice Obedience Classes – Linda and Cherie: Cherie was absent, but she reported that she has about 3 signed up for Rally, 8 for Puppy, 4 in Agility and about 5 or 6 for the Intermediate obedience, and about 15 in the CGC class.

Sunshine – JoAnn: Nothing to report this month

Legislation – Mary: Nothing to report this month regarding legislation. She also shared a new website service named www.showdays.info and it is good to use to find shows/trials you are interested in. Linda sent out an email from MSNBC regarding early spay and neuter. It was easy to read and well received. There will be an AVMA meeting in August, and a statement will be made after that. Bruce spoke about CDOC and that they have filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles. Pat Barnes stated that although Bob Barker is a promoter of the spay/neuter act, but he donated over \$600,000 to move Maggie, the elephant, from Anchorage to PAWS in San Andreas. She is now doing well and this is a great facility.

Howler/Website – Linda: The meeting minutes are caught up except for the March 17 meeting and the May Howler is up on the website. If you notice errors, please let Linda know.

Library/Historian – Cherie: no report

Braggs:

Mary and Buddy (Rat Terrier) – received a 1st place with a perfect score (100) in Jumpers with Weaves on May 17th at the SCDTC agility trial in Hollister.

Leslie and Splotches (Canaan dog) – She earned 3rd (of the required 10) Double Q in Rally at Cal State Hayward on May 18th.

Fred and Pat and Rösti (Bernese Mountain Dog) –At the Chief Solano Show in Vallejo, she received a 1st in the Puppy Sweeps match, a 3rd in the 9-12 Regional Sweeps, 3rd in the regular 9-12 class, and 1st place in 9-12 class.

Fred and Pat and Abby (Bernese Mountain dog) – She received a plaque for the 1st Novice Brace in Northern Cal Club, and a plaque for Novice Brace from the Arizona Berner Club.

They also reported that the “Good Time Carters” had a 4-team free style draft demo and raised \$180 for Bernese Mtn Dog rescue. This was on May 5, at Soquel and called “Cinco De Fido”

Bruce and Elki (Aussie) – They attended the US Australian Shepherd National Specialty in Colorado and at her first ever herding/stockdog trial, where they received 2 Started Sheep qualifying scores.

Linda and Dexi (Aussie) – At the same Aussie Nationals, he got a 3rd place in Veteran 7-9 sweeps, and 4th place in regular Veteran 7-9.

Next meeting will be held at the Humane Society on June 16th.

It was M/S/P by Fred/Linda at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Grant